

Minutes
Woodstock Agriculture Commission
Monday, March 15, 2015 - 1:00 PM - Woodstock Town Hall, Lower Level Conference Room

Present: Members: R. Seybolt, R. Norman, L. Weaver. Alternate: P. Miller, L. Auger

- I. Call to order:** Meeting was called to order by R. Seybolt at 1:02 p.m.
- II. Assignment of Alternates** – P. Miller and L. Auger were assigned as members.
- III. Minutes of the February meeting:** R. Norman moved to accept the minutes and R. Seybolt seconded. Voted and approved.
- IV. Old Business:**
 - a. WINY Farmer Talks – no report.
 - b. Schools & Business Buy Local List – no report.
 - c. POCD – R. Seybolt and P. Miller attended the P&Z meeting on Feb. 19th for the POCD. They reported that the document L. Weaver wrote to include in the POCD was condensed. We will wait to see what revisions, if any are made by the P&Z.
 - d. Equestrian Academy – R. Seybolt reported that the request was approved with a number of stipulations. Our letter of support was mailed to the P&Z and was read at the meeting. R. Seybolt also stated to the Commission that the WAGC would like to be involved when they take up regulations on sub-divisions. **Action:** R. Seybolt to set up a special meeting to occur during the day with J. Gordon.
 - e. Accessory Apartments – R. Seybolt stated that there is a public meeting on this subject on March 19. She stated that she had told J. Gordon of our concerns that this was not written with the needs of agriculture (labor housing) in mind. Unfortunately, it is too late to address this issue at this time. P. Miller moved to use the following wording and it was seconded by L. Weaver and passed unanimously: “The Woodstock Agriculture Commission requests that the P&Z consider creating an Agriculture Labor section of the accessory apartment regulation to meet the needs of Woodstock’s agriculture labor”. **Action:** R. Seybolt and L. Weaver will draft a letter as stated and send to P&Z. It will also be suggested that Joan Nichols be asked to speak to the P&Z on this subject.
 - f. Town Owned Properties – tabled
 - g. Woodstock Grown Brochures – L. Auger reported that she had heard from only a few of the farmers. **Action:** R. Seybolt and L. Weaver to contact some and L. Auger to try calling the rest.
 - h. Contact List – **Action:** L. Auger to resend.
 - i. Legislative Session, Ag Day at the Capitol – P. Miller and L. Auger reported on oral testimony they gave on keeping the CIA funded. Members were reminded that they can still contact their reps, senators, etc.
 - j. Soils Info to BOS – tabled
 - k. New England Ag Marketing Conference – L. Weaver will be a panelist at the event on 2/25/-2/26/15.
 - l. CFB Workshops – The next workshop is on Farm labor.
- V. New Business:**
 - a. Brunswick Film – on hold until Dawn Adidella sees it.
- VI.** The meeting was adjourned by R. Seybolt at 2:30 pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 20, 2015 at 1pm in the lower level of the conference room of the Town Hall.